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MADURA YOUNG MEN.

"Hope is the mark of those whom God has made His friends".—Dante.

A BHAJANAI.

A *bhajanai* was arranged under the auspices of the Main Guard Night School on the night of Saturday the 14th instant from 11 to 1. About 35 people, Night School pupils and their friends, were gathered on the occasion and several of them took an active part in the singing, etc. At the close of the function light refreshments and *pansupari* were served. This gathering gave cheer and inspiration to the members of the Night School of the institution which is one of the most successful activities the Association has promoted.

The School is making rapid progress. The present number on the rolls is 36 and many more are planning to join at an early date. Though the men come from several different places, such as the Technical Institute, the Post Office, the Mills and the Railway, a splendid spirit of unity prevails among them. The pupils are taught Tamil and English, and in addition one evening a week is devoted to instruction in drawing and music. In addition to their classes they are allowed to enjoy the activities of the Association. All these things contribute to the interest with which they come to the Night School. We are negotiating with the Government and hope to have the School recognized in the near future.

RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION GROUP.

The following gentlemen took part in the evening services in English which were held in the West Gate Church during the hot weather under the auspices of the Group :— Messrs. A. Ponnaya, B.A., B.L., A. Lazarus, B.A., B.L., J. I. Manickavasagam, B.A., L.T., D. S. Masillamani, B.A., L.T., Samuel Anthony, B.A., L.T., Michael Aseervadam, B.A., L.T., A. Bhagavan, B.A., A. C. Eggleston, Rev. Martyn S. Taylor and Rev. J. Rowland.

LIBRARY.

For the benefit of members we have succeeded in installing a small library with about 50 books on various lines such as religion, fiction, biography, history, travel, philosophy, war etc Half the books were kindly loaned by a lady and we hope to see her example followed by other ladies and gentlemen in this town.

The Library will be open on Fridays between 5.30 and 8 p.m. for the issue and receipt of books. A copy of Library Rules and a catalogue of the volumes is kept in the Library for the guidance of members.

VOLLEY BALL.

We are glad to announce to our members that Volley Ball has been resumed since the beginning of this month and play is carried on regularly every evening. As this game is well suited to men of all ages, we invite all, old as well as young men, to come and join our enthusiastic crowd. It gives better health, and sound sleep, and helps the circulation of blood in your body without overstrain. Come and try the game one evening and you will become an ardent devotee.

HOSTEL.

Our rooms are almost crowded but one or two places are yet unoccupied. Whoever is willing to take the earliest opportunity of securing them is requested to do it immediately and thereby avoid disappointment.

MAJOR WEBSTER VISITS OUR ASSOCIATION.

Major C. R. Webster, O. B. E., the General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. with the troops in German, British and Portugese East Africa, visited our Association on the 12th and he was very much pleased and impressed with the work done by the Association in this town.

THE COLLEGE Y.M.C.A.

The American College Y.M.C.A. held their opening rally and reception to new students on the 19th instant. Refreshments were served and an attractive programme enjoyed. The City Association was represented and we look forward to another year of friendly co operation with our student friends.

A PRAYER.

"If there be some weaker one
Give me strength to help him on;
If a blinder soul there be,
Let me guide him nearer Thee.
Make my mortal dreams come true,
With the work I fain would do;
Clothe with life the weak intent,
Let me be the thing I meant;
Let me find in Thine employ
Peace that dearer is than joy."

J. G. WHITTIER.

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